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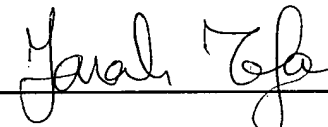
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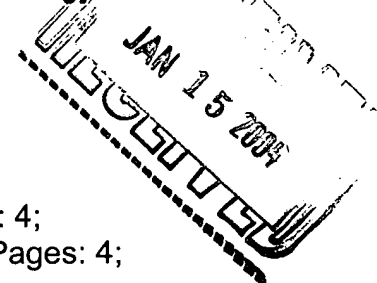
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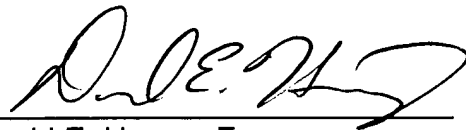
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If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Drawing Processing Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 366-9600, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

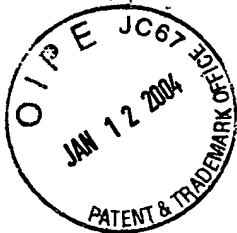
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**LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON**

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Enclosed is a proposed change to the Drawings in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application. In particular, forwarded herewith is one (1) sheet including Fig. 1 with the proposed change made in red ink.

This proposed change was requested by the Patent Office in the earlier-sent Office Action of October 3, 2003. In an Amendment submitted on January 5, 2003 in response to this Office Action, Applicants indicated that this proposed change would be made.

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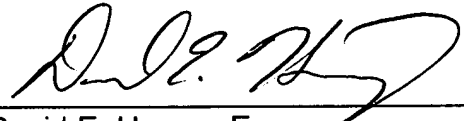
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Upon receipt of approval of the proposed change, Applicants will submit a replacement formal drawing including the change.

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If these formal drawings are found to be deficient in any way, the Official Draftsperson is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone so that Applicant can accomplish any further changes that the Official Draftsperson might require.

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